



TALKING POINTS

May 2026



APWA RECEIVES NONPROFIT DISTINCTION

**APWA NAMED A
"BEST NONPROFIT TO
WORK FOR" IN 2026**

APWA [has been named](#) one of the 2026 Best Nonprofits to Work For by *The NonProfit Times*, a dedicated publication exclusively serving the nonprofit sector. This marks the first year APWA has been recognized as one of the top nonprofit employers, ranking 11th among medium-sized nonprofits and 23rd overall.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

CELEBRATE NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK THIS MONTH!

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is May 17–23! Help us spread the word about NPWW to your fellow APWA members, public works agencies, and public works professionals so they might share their stories in their municipalities during the week. [Share this link](#) to find a robust collection of design and planning materials. Remember to use our official hashtag **#NPWW** in all your social media posts.

STAY TUNED FOR THE MID-SEASON FINALE OF PUBLIC WORKS RADIO! #PWR



[Public Works Radio](#) is the official voice of APWA, bringing the stories behind our communities to life. Look out for this month's episodes, **May 6** and **May 20**. We'll be taking a summer break before dropping new episodes in August.

PWR is available wherever you find your favorite podcasts, as well as on [APWA TV](#).

Listen, subscribe, and share with a friend! Direct any inquiries to podcast@apwa.org.

MEMBERSHIP
30,500



AWARDS AND NEW PUBLIC WORKS STORIES

APWA recently received two Gold Hermes Creative Awards for its 2025 brand video, [Public Works: A Kid's Perspective](#). Check out three new Public Works Stories. [Click here](#) to listen to messages shared by Tony Dati, Fred Braun, and Shane Mark.

ACCREDITATION

Region 3:

- Arlington County, Virginia Department of Environmental Services—1st accreditation
- Virginia Beach, Virginia Department of Public Works—4th accreditation
- North Charleston, South Carolina Department of Public Works—1st accreditation

Region 4:

- Seminole County, Florida Public Works Department—1st accreditation

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Virtual [Self-Assessment Workshop](#), May 19.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

Board candidates for the 2026 affirmation ballot will be posted in the May issue of the *APWA Reporter*. The ballot will be open to APWA members from May 15–June 12.

QUICK LINKS

[Focus on Public Works](#) | [Tell Your Story](#) | [Education/Credentialing Center](#) | [Technical Committees](#)
[Groups and Committees](#) | [Council of Chapters](#) | [Washington Report](#) | [Legislative Action Center](#) | [Ottawa Report](#)

EDUCATION

UPCOMING LIVE PROGRAMS

June 3. **APWA Partner Showcase: Learn More with BuildWitt.** Learn how APWA's partnership with BuildWitt delivers innovative, on-the-job training to strengthen workforce development with retention. This live virtual program features a walkthrough of the platform and an organization's testimonial of their real-world experience using BuildWitt. [Register here.](#)

NEW RESOURCE GUIDE AVAILABLE

APWA's Sustainability and Resiliency Committee has developed a new Resource Guide for chapter-level Sustainability and Resiliency Committees. Whether you are a chapter leader or member, have already established a committee, don't know where to start, want to share your success, and/or learn from others, you'll find this guide helpful. [Click here](#) to access the full guide and learn more about APWA's Sustainability and Resiliency efforts.

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- During NPWW, Government Affairs will host events on Capitol Hill, including a policy breakfast focused on federal transportation priorities on May 20, an APWA Top 10 and Projects of the Year awards reception that evening, and the annual "Donuts & Trucks" on May 21, in partnership with DC Department of Public Works and US House of Representatives Public Works and Infrastructure Caucus.
- The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) will also meet during NPWW for its annual spring business meeting in DC and will meet with key congressional members, committees, staff, and federal agency officials.
- [Check out and share](#) our new public works first responder flyer! Public works professionals continue to gain recognition as first responders, thanks to strong outreach by several APWA chapters and members, at state and local levels.
- APWA's own Marty Williams and Mark Shade will visit the Minnesota Chapter, May 6–8, to discuss advocacy, public visibility, and federal priorities.
- The Big Cities and Counties Forum will next meet in Austin, Texas, May 27–29. Scott Grayson, Andrea Eales, and Becky Stein from APWA will participate.

Follow APWA Government Affairs on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

CERTIFICATION

We have kicked off the update of the Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP) Job Task Analysis (JTA) to align with the new credentialing strategy and transition to stackable microcredentials. The JTA update will take place April through June 2026 and will serve as the blueprint for developing education content and corresponding exams for the new microcredential stacks.

Additional updates will be shared as they become available.

For more information, please contact certification@apwa.org.

REGISTER FOR THE UPCOMING SC/RC EVENT!

Don't miss the Small Cities/Rural Communities (SC/RC) Perspective On Fleet Maintenance on May 6. Members of the SC/RC Committee and the Fleet Management Committee will discuss fleet maintenance personnel, maintenance consultants, maintenance software, and maintenance management groups. [Register here.](#)

AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

Deadline to submit for the Presidential Acknowledgment for Chapter Excellence (PACE) award is June 1. Chapter nominations can be submitted [here](#).

APPLY FOR EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY!

[Applications are open](#) for the 2026-2027 ELA program. The deadline to apply is July 6.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Call for Presentations is Open for NASC 2027!



The 2027 North American Snow Conference [Call for Presentations](#) is now open. The deadline to submit a session proposal for Snow Conference 2027 is October 3, 2026. We look forward to seeing you next year in Des Moines!

Registration is Open for PWX 2026!



Registration is open for this year's PWX in Houston, Texas, August 30–September 2. [Click here](#) to register, see the schedule, book a hotel room, and more!